

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/829,639

Examiner

Brian K. Talbot

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/7/05 and interviews on 12/23/05 and 2/22/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 8-19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date Attached hereto
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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1. The amendment filed 4/7/05 has been considered and entered. Claims 1-19 remain in the application.
2. In light of the amendment and remarks filed 4/7/05, the 35 USC 112 first and second paragraph rejections, 35 USC 102 and USC 103 rejections have been withdrawn.
3. The Examiner appreciates the telephone conversation held on 12/23/05 and 2/22/06 that resulted in the following Examiner's Amendment to place the claims in condition for allowance.

Examiner's Amendment

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Harry Moose on 12/23/05 and 2/22/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 5, line 9,

the phrase -- wherein the exposed conductive tabs form a substantially planar discoidal formation -- has been inserted between the terms "tabs" and ".".

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Claim 7 has been canceled.

In claim 8,

the dependency has been changed by deleting “7” and replacing with -- 5 --.

In claim 11, line 8

the phrase -- to form an exposed pattern of a predetermined shape to facilitate formation of subsequent plating – has been inserted between the terms “substrate” and “;”.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-6 and 8-19 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

6. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest forming a multi-layer electronic component with alternating ceramic and electrode layers whereby conductive tabs are exposed in a predetermined shape (such as a spiral, discoidal or varied width formations) to facilitate subsequent plating. The prior art teaches the claimed subjected matter absent the formation of the exposed internal electrodes being place in the above said manner.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian K. Talbot whose telephone number is (571) 272-1428. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6AM-3PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy H. Meeks can be reached on (571) 272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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 2/22/06

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